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Los Angeles Man Charged in Alleged Date-Drugging Case

A 24-year-old Los Angeles man was charged today with attempting to slip a drug into a woman's drink that was thwarted by three good Samaritans, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Oksana Sigal said Michael Roe Chien Hsu (dob 08/09/91) is expected to appear for arraignment today after 1:30 p.m. in Department W30 of Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

Hsu is charged with one felony count each of administering a drug and assault with intent to commit a sex crime in case SA093035.

On May 26, Hsu allegedly placed a drug into a woman's drink while the two dined at a Santa Monica restaurant. Three women at an adjacent table intervened by alerting the victim and calling police, the prosecutor said.

Hsu's recommended bail is \$1 million. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of six years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Santa Monica Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.